

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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SCAM IN FARM CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Scam behind inflated farm consumption` appearing in the Indian Express dated November 22, 1999;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The consumption of electricity by agriculture sector is not metered to a large extent. The figures published are based on the figures received from the SEBs. Prima facie, the reported energy consumption figures by agriculture sector seems to be inflated. To overcome this problem SEBs have been asked to meter all the consumers including agricultural consumers and to go in for energy accounting for all the sectors of electrical energy consumption.